Investment in VSP

8441. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investment in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has proved less than productive and profitable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plant-is already using outdated steel making machinery; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to eassess the investments made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SON-TOiH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir- In ail capital intensive industries due to normal ong gestation periods, cumulative losses do occur whenh are recovered over a period of time. The Company has made a cash profit of Rs. 55 crores (pro-visional) during the year 1994-95 i.e. the third year of integrated opera tic and is expected to make a net pr fit by 1997-987"

(b) and (c) No, Sir. VSP has im-pldmented the' State-of-the-Art tech-nwiogy *in* steel making and it has all the latest contemporary technologies instalted.

Transfer of manpower to steel eountales

8443. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: will the Minister of STEEL bepleas-ed to state:

(a) whether Government have advised-steel companies to transfer exeess manpower from one steel company to another;

(b) it so. the reaction of steel compantes therero:

(a) whether *steel* companies have identified thein respective labour compositions; and

(d) if so, the- details of surplus and the deficits of labour in each public sector steel undertaking respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SON-TOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government have not advised steel producing companies to transfer" excess manpower from one steel company to another.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant does not have surplus manpower. Considering international norms and labour productivity of steel industry in developed countries, Steel Authority or India Limited does not have surplus manpower. However, exact number and composition of surplus manpower would depend on work practices, process, technology and Annual Production Plan, etc. Rationalisa-tion of manpower utilisation through proper planning, retraining of existing manpower and their redeployment in new areas of requirement due to modernisation, etc. have been taken up. Effort has also been made to achieve higher production without" adding manpower so as to improve productivity.

Awards of contracts by CPWD

8443. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AF FAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contracts which have been awarded by the CPWD, Sriniwas Puri. R. K. Puram sectOr-wise and Albert Square, New Delhi from April. 1994 to March- 1995, centre-wise;

(b) what is the nature of work assigned alongwith the amount allocated, work-wise;

what is the maximum time limit fixed for completion of works;

what are the details of work pending completion, and for how long, work-wise;

(e) what is the status of the officer who finally undertakes the inspec tion of the work done by the con tractors and thereafter passes the amount, for final payment to the con tractors; and

(f) what action Government propose to take against the CPWD offi-cefs/enn tractors responsible for delayed completion oS work?

THP, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THU\r*ON1: (a) A total 509 contract have been awarded from April, 1994 to March, 1995. Afeawise details are given below: —

Shri [illegible] Park	43
R K Puram Sect [illegible]	32
Sec [illegible]	29
Sec. [illegible]	43
Sec. [illegible]	39
Sec. V	48
[illegible]	43
Sec. VIII	48
Sec. IX	30
Sec. XII	76
Sec. XIII	41
[illegible]	17
TOTAL :	509

(b) The nature of work assigned relate to maintenance works including minor works special repairs, an-rvuial repairs and permissible works of addition/alterataon/replacement etc. The total amount involved in all the 509 contracts is Rs. 3.18 crotes.

(c) The time for completion de pends on the nature and volume of work involved and varies from one month to one year depending on the work.

(d) 60 works are pending comple tion. These include also works, which have not been started and works for which contract had been rescinded due to non-start of work- There has been no abnormal delay in completion of work after it had started.

Inspection is done by Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers. However, the bills are finally passed by Executive Engineer for payment.

Where d«lay in execution/ completion o'f any work is noticed action against the contractors is setting up of A freedom fighter's contract.

Allotment of bad *to* freedom fighters

8444. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister o? URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land has been allotted to freedom figh ters at Neb Serai, New Delhi for setting up of a freedom fighter's colony;

(b) if so, the number of freedom fighters who have been allotted land at Neb Serai so far; and

(c)whether it is also a fact that land has been allotted to persons other than freedom fighters at Neb Serai: if so, the reasons and criteria therefor, the names and addresses of such persons together with the area and price of land allotted to each of them?